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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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: Attn: **BOX MISSING PARTS**

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**SPEAKER APPARATUS AND SOUND
REPRODUCTION APPARATUS**



FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE FILING FEE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 4, 19 and 20 as follows.

Claim 4, line 1, delete "2 or 3,";

Claim 19, line 1, delete "claim 15 or claim 17,";

Claim 20, line 1, delete "claim 15 or claim 17,".

Kindly add new claims 25-30 as follows.

25. The speaker apparatus recited in claim 2, wherein
said passive radiator is provided with an edge having a thick central portion
covering the surface of diaphragm and a circumference portion integrally formed together.

26. The speaker apparatus recited in claim 3, wherein